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Dear Michael,

Please accept my personal congratulations on being named a Jackson State University, 2001-2002 Presidential Scholar. Your dedication and commitment to excellence in academics is to be commended.

By receiving this award, you have been chosen as one of Mississippi's best and brightest. With the hard work and commitment of leaders like you, we will continue making great strides toward making Mississippi America's State of Promise.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to continue to strive towards excellence, prepare yourself for the future through knowledge and good citizenship, in order to become a leader of tomorrow. Allow me to join my fellow Mississippians in recognizing your accomplishment. Again, congratulations to you and best wishes for continuing success.

Very truly yours,

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